

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the threats this presents to American democracy.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest lies in a full and balanced use of media privileges (like free airwaves). Airing an anti-Kerry documentary without airing a pro-Kerry documentary such as Going Upriver, is a clear example of violation of the law and a threat to democracy.

Unfortunately, the weak rules regarding media ownership consolidation has contributed to an atmosphere of biased and often vicious propaganda poorly disguised as documentary or even news. The FCC should work to tighten these rules and engage in serious review process of media companies generally.

Thank you.